Senate



General Assembly

File No. 201

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Senate Bill No. 342

Senate, April 2, 2012

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNET WEB SITE FOR THE WASHINGTON-ROCHAMBEAU REVOLUTIONARY ROUTE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) The Commissioner of Economic
- 2 and Community Development shall, not later than January 1, 2013,
- 3 develop an Internet web site to highlight that portion of the
- 4 Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail
- 5 that is located in the state. Such web site shall include, without
- 6 limitation: (1) A map of the main trail and flanking trails indicating the
- 7 location of (A) any intersections with other walking trails, and (B) the
- 8 Revolutionary War sites, monuments and placards in the vicinity of
- 9 such trails; (2) for each Revolutionary War site on or in the vicinity of
- 10 such trails, links to other web sites providing additional information
- and photographs; (3) links to Connecticut tourism-themed web sites;
- 12 (4) links to other web sites featuring the Washington-Rochambeau
- 13 Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail; and (5) an interactive
- 14 calendar that will allow historical groups to post notice of events and

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15 entertainment along such trails.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 from passage New section
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PD Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Department of Economic &	SF - Cost	Up to	None
Community Development		\$180,000	

Note: SF=Special Fund (Non-appropriated)

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a one-time cost of up to \$180,000, by requiring the Department of Economic and Community Development to develop an Internet website to highlight Connecticut's portion of the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail.

Funding from the Community Investment Act (CIA) can be used to finance the website.¹ As of March 30, 2012 there is a \$12.3 million balance available through the CIA to fund historic preservation activities.

Additionally, the website may qualify for a federal grant through the National Park Service which matches up to 50% of the cost of an eligible project. Were the project to qualify for the full amount of the grant, the state would receive \$90,000 and the cost to the CIA account would consequently decrease to \$90,000.

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The bill results in a one time cost and as such has no fiscal impact in

¹ The Community Investment Act (PA 05-228) provides increased funding for open space, farmland preservation, historic preservation and affordable housing. The Act applied a \$40 additional fee for land records of which \$36 is remitted to the state to fund these initiatives (municipalities keep the remaining \$4).

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Source: Core-CT Financial Accounting System

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/19/2012)

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